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From: Golden, Heather
Sent: Thur 8/20/2015 5:25:11 PM
Subject: RE: Animas River WQ Modeling

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Thanks, Mark. I'll wait to get back to Kate once you hear from Jennifer. I'll be more certain then how deep I can go into this in light of other high priority commitments.

From: Bagley, Mark
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2015 1:11 PM
To: Golden, Heather; Fulk, Florence
Subject: RE: Animas River WQ Modeling

I sent her a note. Let's see what she does. Assuming this happens, one thing that you will have to do is keep track of your hours that are committed to this activity. They are being tracked at a high level and need to be reported using a specific code.

From: Golden, Heather
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2015 12:26 PM
To: Bagley, Mark; Fulk, Florence
Subject: RE: Animas River WQ Modeling

That would likely be a good idea seeing that we're in the midst of FY16-19 planning. I can (likely) get the project plans in this week, but do I pull back on everything else project lead-related (including BOSC, etc.) in the two weeks? There might not be **too** much that I have to do, but timelines keep changing and we often have rapid response times for random requests. There is a DPL, but he's a branch chief and often consumed with that work first and foremost.

From: Bagley, Mark
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2015 12:20 PM
To: Golden, Heather; Fulk, Florence
Subject: RE: Animas River WQ Modeling

Do you want me to get Jennifer to weigh in on priorities? I think we may need it, as SSWR folks may disagree.

From: Golden, Heather
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2015 12:18 PM
To: Bagley, Mark; Fulk, Florence
Subject: RE: Animas River WQ Modeling

Thanks for the feedback. We (Kramer, me, Yusuf) are "hydrologists" of sorts, Steve = groundwater, Yusuf = surface water. I'll argue for all three being involved...

It sounds like this is a higher priority than getting the SSWR task plans submitted this week and project lead commitments (like BOSC next week). ?

From: Bagley, Mark

Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2015 12:11 PM
To: Golden, Heather; Fulk, Florence
Subject: RE: Animas River WQ Modeling

Unfortunately, this is highest priority. Kate has been told to delay delivery of a FY15 product that is on Jennifer's PARS, if that gives you a sense of things. I would argue for enlistment of more hydrologists if the load can be spread (isn't Kramer a hydrologist?)

I also would make it clear you don't have time to review Yusuf's manual

From: Golden, Heather
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2015 12:05 PM
To: Bagley, Mark; Fulk, Florence
Subject: FW: Animas River WQ Modeling
Importance: High

Mark/Flo – Please see below. I have a ton of balls in the air right now (calendar packed tightly), and I'm scrambling to get things accomplished before I'm out of the country starting Sept 3rd.

I'm seeking input on what the priority level is here and to what extent/whether to take direction from below?

Heather

From: Sullivan, Kate
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2015 11:56 AM
To: Golden, Heather
Subject: Animas River WQ Modeling

Hi Heather.

Couple of things.

I know last time we talked I put you on hold because we aren't thinking about watershed modeling as a need of figuring out Animas River chemistry at this point. As time goes along and the agency figures out its short and long term questions, that is likely to change.

However, as the week has worn on I realized we really could use a HYDROLOGIST in the project. Just straight up hydrology. (I'm actually a hydrologist/geomorphologist myself but I'm finding myself awfully busy trying to tend to mundane tasks to keep everyone moving.) So, we would like to enlist you now in that capacity. The first thing we have to do is get the real time water in the affected river from Cement Creek to Lake Powell. The good news is there are actually a pretty fair number of USGS gages nicely distributed through the system, so I think our best first approach to mimic the plume is to use an empirical approach based on the real time gage data.

Anyway, please call so we can discuss.

Second thing. As a hydrologist, would you be willing to peer review a user's manual for an evaporation calculator software tool developed by Yusuf Mohamoud?

Thanks

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